

Vette Gazette

The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

Issue: September 2010 Meeting



Floyd & Carol Johnstone with their "Best of Show" Trophy
@ Corvettes on the River Car Show (Paducah, KY)
Sept. 11, 2010

(Photo by Randy Volmer)



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Minutes from the September 14th, 2010 OCC Membership Meeting.

President, Steve Majino called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.
Sgt. At Arms, Rick Poepping led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve introduced the 2010 Officers and Chairpersons:

- ✓ President: Steve Majino
- ✓ Vice President: Rick Mestre, absent. Tom Heeley past VP present.
- ✓ Administrative Assistant: Judy Turner, absent. Jenifer Majino past secretary present
- ✓ Treasurer: Fred Gronemeier
- ✓ Sgt of Arms: Rick Poepping
- ✓ Membership: Mary Heeley and Jenifer Majino
- ✓ NCM Ambassador: Chuck Watson
- ✓ Newsletter Editor & Publisher: Chuck Watson
- ✓ Webmaster: Wendy Latham
- ✓ Charity Committee Chairperson: Carol Johnstone

Treasure's Report: A motion was made by Dr. Tony, seconded by Dick Mericle and accepted to carry the reports approval. Copies of the report were available at the officers' table.

Minutes: A motion was made by Dave Peeples, seconded by Mary Jane Robertson, and carried that the minutes from August meeting be approved. These were published in the *Vette Gazette* and available on the website.

Membership Report: 119 Primary and 89 Associates for a total of 208 members.

NCM Information: Chuck Watson shared that he has raffle tickets available. New in 2011 custom stitching on leather, new wheel options, and a battery maintainer may be available on corvettes. There is also talk that in the future, purchasers may have the ability to pick their own VIN numbers. The museum is also selling insurance policies at discounted rates.

Welcome Guests and New Members:

Rick Adams visited and was President of the OCC 24 years ago.
Stan and Sheelah Yarwitz: 2010 ZR1
Jim and Ann Hendrick: 2010 Grand Sport Convertible

Celebrations: Birthdays, anniversaries, marriages, retirements, and new arrivals were celebrated. (*See additional birthdays in left hand column of page 5.*)

Fred and Carol Gronemeier will be picking up their 2011 Grand Sport Callaway Friday morning at Mid America.

Steve and Jenifer Majino are having a boy.

Joe Holaus and Deb have the wedding date set for Dec. 17, 2011. Congratulations!

Jim Butler Update: They continue to be an amazing supporter of the OCC. Please check them out for service, parts and future purchases. Their website depicts new vehicles that would be great "new arrivals".

OCC Meetings:

Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday of every Month** and are open to members and guests.

Our Next Meeting Is:

October 12, 2010

Meeting Location:

Sunset Lakes Golf Club,
13366 West Watson Road,
Sunset Hills, MO 63127
(314.843.3000) (For directions, go to their web site and click on "Contact Us" at the top of the page.

<http://www.sunsetlakesgolf.net>)

Dinner Prior to Meeting:

Please be sure to contact Joan Walter @ sports-cars@sbcglobal.com if you are going to participate in the dinner prior to our meetings. There is a sign up sheet in back of the meeting room if you want to sign up in advance. The menu for the next month's meal is located there also.

Club Sponsor:

Our club is sponsored by **Jim Butler Chevrolet**. As club members we get a **10%** discount on parts and labor. Keep them in mind for your automotive needs. They are located at 759 Gravois Bluffs Blvd. in the Gravois Bluffs shopping complex. For more information, visit their web site at: www.jimbutlerchevrolet.com.

Review of Past Events:

- 8/22 DARE Car show in Edwardsville High School in IL was a good time. Event was well organized.
- 8/22 Corvette/Mustang Show in Ellis Grove, IL had a fair turnout.
- 8/27-8/29 Corvettes at Carlisle, Penn. was a good party.
- 8/28 First Annual Gateway Arch Riverfront Show had around 150-200 corvettes turn out. Several members had a nice time.
- 8/29 Purina Farms Car Show. First car show for them and the turnout was good. A Model T was disassembled. Then, it was reassembled in ten minutes. Very interesting.
- 9/11 Scott Air Force Show. 6-7 cars showed had a good time. The Blue Angels put on an exciting show.
- 9/10-9/12 Corvettes on the River in Paducah, KY. 189 cars were judged by Museum and Plant Officials. 9 OCC cars displayed. Floyd and Carol Johnstone won Best of Show. The OCC won the Club Competition Award thanks to the Josts and Bleitners.
- 9/12 Hooters Show. It was the last one for the season. Miss 2009 Hooter's International posed for pictures. Plaques will be distributed soon. Steve Majino won \$71.00 in the 50/50 and donated it back to PAL. 24 cars supported the cause donating \$551.00 to the Police Athletic League. Jim Ford thanked Karen, Shirley and Lynn for their help.

New Business & Upcoming Calendar Events:

- 9/17-9/19 Mid America Funfest - Go to Gate 5 if you are pre-registered. OCC has special club parking. Staff will direct you.
- 9/23 Francis Howell Parade meet at 5:30 at Highway N and Mid-Rivers at Schnuck's. 2 more cars are needed. Contact Marty Hodits 636-441-4880.
- 9/24 Francis Howell Central Homecoming Parade. 5 cars are needed. Meeting time is 7 pm. Contact Marty Hodits 636-441-4880.
- 9/26 Texas Roadhouse Arnold Display at 55 and 141. This is the rainout date. 11-3. The restaurant is excited to have us. This location does a lot for the community.
- 9/30-10/3 Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend- IF you are attending please put your information on Yahoo Groups. Many new members are looking for groups to travel with and get to know better.
- 10/3 Bob's Gasoline Alley- Final count needed by 9/19/10. Please contact Chuck Watson. \$10/person for lunch. At least 30 people are needed. 9:30 AM meeting at Antire Road overpass. Leave at 10 AM. 636-583-4099 red05z51@gmail.com
- 10/8 Oakville Homecoming Parade- Cars needed. Contact Dena Werner 314-467-7015.
- 10/9-10/10 LSX Shootout at Gateway International Raceway. Club parking, goody bag and room for tents provided. Discount tickets \$20/person. Purchase prior to event. Contact Steve Majino and watch Yahoo Groups for information 636-368-1787. sprfst@sbcglobal.net
- 10/9 Chili Picnic at Babler State Park. 3rd annual 11-8 PM. Chili and hot-dogs provided. Please bring drinks and side dish to share. The new pavilion has a restroom. Please bring games and extended family. RSVP to Francine Boillat. reboillat@aol.com

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Wednesday Night Dinner:

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm a group of OCC members get together for an evening out. We go to a different restaurant every week and are always open to suggestions for new places to go. It is a great way to meet and get to know other members of the Club. All OCC members are welcome. See the "Schedule of Events" for the dates and locations. For more information, contact Donna or Gary Landmann @ 314.631.0570.

Yahoo! Groups:

The club has a Yahoo! Groups account setup where members can share ideas and information about club activities and other Corvette related issues, store photos and other club related files, set up informal opinion polls about upcoming events, add events to the calendar, and more. This is meant to be a supplement to our club web site, not a replacement. The Yahoo! Group is one of the benefits of The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis and is restricted to current club membership only. If you are a new club member and would like to join this list, please submit your request and upon verification, one of the moderators will welcome you to the list. Contact Lynda Harris (Yahoo! Group moderator) at stlskybabe@yahoo.com to setup a username and provide access to the group.

- 10/17 Highway Clean Up 9 AM breakfast to follow. Rain date 10/24
- 10/17 OCC Poker Run benefiting Friends of Kids with Cancer. Jilly's Café start time is 2:00 PM rain or shine. Feel free to bring metal cars. Attendance prizes, raffles, silent auction items and 50/50. Plaques for high and low hands. A lot of prizes and a good ride. Come check it out.
- 10/23 Crown Valley Winery- always a good time. Meet at 9:30 AM at Show Me Lanes. Leaving promptly at 10 AM. Good stories are sure to come out of this fabulous day!
- 11/6 Veteran's Day Parade- meet between 10-11 AM at Anheuser Busch Hospitality Parking lot. Contact Joe Halaus for more information.

Gratitude: Thank you for the baskets donated for Angel's Arms upcoming auction.

Old Business: Thank you for the 30th Anniversary t-shirt designs. Last month OCC members chose Karen and Dick Mericle's design as the winner. Bids are coming in at \$15-20 per shirt. Check out info on Yahoo Groups within the next month. If any additional money is raised from the sale of the shirts, then it will be donated to Jim Butler's choice charity, Herbert Hoovers Boys and Girls Club.

New Business: Christine DeLonjay organized the OCC Banquet and Holiday Party. Save the date for January 8th, 2011 at Sunset Lakes.

NOMINATIONS are needed for the 2011 Board! Please contact Judy DeLonjay. All elected positions are available.

Please let Joan Walter know if you are eating next month. You can reach her at sports-cars@sbcglobal.net.

50/50 Drawing: Congratulations to Joe Halaus and group, the winner of \$86.00.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Watson, seconded by Paul Jost, and carried at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenifer Majino for the absent Judy Turner
2010 Administrative Secretary.



OCC Forum:

(<http://occofstl.proboards.com/>): (To access and/or register to this forum, refer to the how-to document under "Files" on the OCC Membership Yahoo! Groups page.)

Facebook:

We are now on [Facebook!](#) An official "OCC of Stl" Facebook fan page has been created. If you are currently on Facebook, you can be a fan of the OCC and leave messages, start discussion topics, and post pictures. Several people have already joined. Go to www.facebook.com and search for "[OCC of Stl](#)".

OCC Apparel:

Contact Sue Scobbie at sscobbie57@yahoo.com for any of your embroidered OCC Club apparel.

Newsletter Online:

A full color version of this newsletter is posted online on the OCC website. (www.occofstl.com) It can easily be accessed from the main page by clicking on "Members" and then "Newsletters". The newsletters from several past meetings are also available.

Birthdays / Anniversaries / New Arrivals:

- 09/03 - Jim Ford B'day.
- 09/23 - Dick Mericle B'day.
- 09/23 - Phil and Betty Hughes Anniv. (47 years)
- 09/25 - Mary Jane Robertson B'day.
- 09/28 - Art and Jeanette Delhougne Anniv. (42 years)
- 09/30 - Ron Leveque B'day.



1965 Corvette on Display @ NCM

The blue 1965 Corvette shown above was on display in the National Corvette Museum during their 16th Anniversary Celebration over the Labor Day weekend. It has a rather unique story about it - it was stolen in 1970 and returned last December. Below is the article written by *Kate Howard* for the December 6, 2009 issue of "*The Tennessean*" newspaper.

"The 1965 Corvette was worth maybe \$2,200 when a thief stole it off Lower Broadway 39 years ago. The rightful owner will drive it back home this week, worth 30 times what he lost, after it was recovered nearly four decades later in Arizona.

Chance Mayfield parked the convertible, Nassau blue with a white top, on Lower Broadway and went to the honky-tonks in November 1970. It was a great night at the Broadway Barn, he said, until he walked out to the parking lot and the like-new muscle car was gone. "That ruined my night," Mayfield said with a chuckle. The pain of losing the spotless car was already long forgotten when he got a phone call this summer from a detective who said his car had been found. Once he got his mind around what car he was talking about, Mayfield thought someone was playing a prank on him.

After four or five years passed with no sign of the car, Mayfield figured he'd never see it again. But dreams, he said, do come true, and on his 68th birthday he got word that court cases with the most recent owner had been resolved. The completely restored Corvette, which looks like it spent years as part of various collectors' stock, is now his to take home. He's taking a trailer out to Arizona and he'll bring it home to Putnam County - about two hours east of Nashville - next week.

The car was discovered when a collector, who bought the car for about \$65,000, took it to the department of motor vehicles for an inspection. The inspector ran the serial number through the National Insurance Claims Bureau, and it came up stolen from 1970.

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Of all the things that seem unbelievable about this case - that nobody checked the car against the insurance database before this year, or that the car looks better than ever - most amazing to the detectives involved was that the original 1970 police report was still sitting in an archive box. Mayfield's insurance had lapsed just before the theft, so he never got a paid claim for it. The Metro police clear their stolen car cases of the national crime database every six years or so. That piece of paper was enough to determine the car belonged to Mayfield.

"It helped me a lot because it helped me verify Mr. Mayfield's story," said Detective Mark Wagner of the Scottsdale, Ariz., police department. "We couldn't believe it still existed."

"When I called Nashville to tell him we found this car and the detective stopped laughing, he said he'd check the archive, and there it was."

Oldest case solved

Metro car theft detective William Dillon took the call, and says it's definitely the oldest case they've resolved. Detectives tracked the car back to California and then to New Jersey in 2000, and the business that sold it has since closed.

"We'll never figure out who stole it in the very beginning," Dillon said. "It's just an old theft that will actually come to a conclusion."

An old theft with a lesson: "Just because you put your car (behind) you as stolen, don't think we won't recover it sometime," Dillon said."



OCC Schedule of Events - September 2010

- Sep. 26 **OCC Car Show @ Texas Road House - Arnold** (11:00am - 3:00pm) - 806 Arnold Commons Shopping Center, Arnold Heights, MO. Contact: Jim Easley (Home: 314.388.0263 or Cell: 314.845.1899, jimeasley@sbcglobal.net)
- Sep. 29 **Wednesday Night Dinner** (6:30 pm) - Fletcher's Kitchen & Tap (www.fletcherskitchen.com), 384 Crestwood Plaza, Crestwood, MO 63126 (On Watson Road in Sappington). Contact: Donna & Gary Landmann (314.631.0570)
- Sep. 30-Oct. 3 **Eureka Springs Weekend** - Eureka Springs, AR (www.eurekaspringscorvette.org) Contact: **TBD**

Other Corvette Related Events

- Sep. 16-18 **Z06 Fest** - National Corvette Museum (www.corvettemuseum.com), Bowling Green, KY. Co-Hosted by: Z06VETTE.com
- Sep. 22-25 **Pace Car Reunion** - National Corvette Museum (www.corvettemuseum.com), Bowling Green, KY
- Sep. 24-26 **Route 66 Mother Road Fest** (www.familyevents.com) - Downtown Springfield, IL
- Sep. 25 **LCCA Meet and Greet** (www.linncreekcorvetteassociation.com) - Ron Hulett Chevrolet, 513 N. Business Route 5, Camdenton, MO 65020. Contact: Gary Hollander (573.286.1127)

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- Oct. 3 **Road Trip to Bob's Gasoline Alley** - Cuba, MO. Contact: Chuck Watson (636.583.4099, Red05Z51@gmail.com)
- Oct. 6 **Wednesday Night Dinner** (6:30 pm) - Bandana's BBQ (www.bandanasbbq.com), 11750 Gravois Road, Sunset Hills, MO 63127 (Between Lindbergh & I-270). Contact: Donna & Gary Landmann (314.631.0570)
- Oct. 8 **Oakville Homecoming** - Oakville, MO Contact: Dena Werner (314.467.7015)
- Oct. 9 **OCC Chili & Hot Dog Picnic** - Babler State Park @ Walnut Grove Pavilion. Rain or Shine - Private parking lot next to picnic area. Running water and bathrooms at the pavilion but no electric. This is a larger pavilion than last year. Homemade Chili and Hot Dogs. ?Food to be

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served at approximately 12:00 Noon. Bring your chairs, drinks, bug spray, and a dsh to share. The club will provide plates, utensils, napkins, chili, hot dogs, buns, and condiments. Enter the park off of Hwy BA (Babler Park Drive) which is off Hwy 109. The park entrance street is Guy Park Drive. Continue on Guy Park Dr. past the Visitor's Center and continue bearing right on the same street until you get to the Walnut Grove Shelter on the right side of the road. There will be OCC signs for your convenience. We have the pavilion from 7:00 AM until 8:30 PM.??RSVP to Francine and Rene' Boillat - Please be sure to include the first names of all who are coming. (636.532.2972, reboillat@aol.com)

- Oct. 9 **EPC Classic Carfest Charity Car Show** - I-70 and Cave Springs in St. Charles (3941 Harry S. Truman Blvd., St. Charles, MO, www.classiccarfest.com, 636.443.1999). Registration begins at 8:00am. (Rain or Shine) 35 Classes plus Best of Show, Best Paint, etc. This year's charity: Angel Arms. Contact: **TBD**
- Oct. 12 **OCC Monthly Meeting** (7:30pm) - Sunset Lakes Golf Club, 13366 West Watson Road, Sunset Hills, MO 63127. Contact: Steve Majino (Home: 636.529.0887, Cell: 636.368.1787, sprfst@sbcglobal.net)
- Oct. 13 **Wednesday Night Dinner** (6:30 pm) - O'Leary's Restaurant (www.olearysrestaurant.com), 3828 South Lindbergh Blvd., Sunset Hills, MO 63127 (Just south of Watson Road). Contact: Donna & Gary Landmann (314.631.0570)
- Oct. 17 **OCC Highway Cleanup** (9:00am) - I-44 at Beaumont and Antire Road Exit Ramps (Exit #269). (Rain Date: Oct. 24th) Contact: Byrle and Judy Laymann (636.394.3528)
- Oct. 17 **OCC Poker Run - Benefiting "Friends of Kids With Cancer"** (2:00 p.m.) - Jilly's Café and Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049. Contact: Floyd and Carol Johnstone (636.225.9577, WknFun2@aol.com), Erv and Sharon Bleitner (636.677.0067, ebleitner@yahoo.com), or Rich and Ester Brewer (636.667.8357, rbebvette@msn.com)
- Oct. 23 **6th Annual OCC/LGCC Crown Valley Winery Event** 23589 State Route WW, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670. Meeting at Show Me Lanes parking lot (4575 Lemay Ferry Road, 63129) at 9:30am, coffee and donuts in snack bar. (Leaving promptly at 10:00am.), Contact: Ron or Marcia Leveque (Cell: 314.591.1600 (Ron) or 314.882.0054 (Marcia), Email: maleveque@sbcglobal.net)

Other Corvette Related Events

- Oct. 9 **Mid America Motorworks Fall Swapfest & Cruise In** - Open to all makes and models of automobiles. Parts, accessories, and automotive memorabilia must be NOS or used. Vendor setup: 6:30am, Gates open: 8:00am. CST. For more information or to register, visit www.funfestevents.com or call 866-350-4541. Mid America Motorworks, 17082 N US Highway 45, Effingham, IL 62401.

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Other Corvette Related Events

- Nov. 4-6 **Vets n' Vettes** - National Corvette Museum (www.corvettemuseum.com), Bowling Green, KY
- Nov. 20-21 **Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals** (www.mcacn.com) - Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. Triple Diamond Corvette display and competition, sponsored by Mid America Motorworks. 1970 Invitational Display; '70 was a pinnacle year for the Muscle Car. They are looking for the "Top Dogs" from each manufacturer. Shelby Snakepit II: With the incredible response they received with their first Shelby Snakepit display, they have decided to again host a gathering of Mr. Shelby's finest creations. Motion Madness; Marty Schorr suggested that they top what was done several years ago in Chicago, and with his assistance and encouragement, they believe they can do it. If you own or know of any REAL Baldwin-Motions cars, please help them make some history. Buick Stage 2 Special Display; they have confirmed this one!

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